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Meeting planned for Project Graduation

The Class of 1997 Glades Central Community High School Seniors and their parents will be having a meeting concerning Project Graduation. The meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the school library. All seniors and their parents are urged to attend and support Project Graduation.

Gospel Sing at Miracle Temple Ministries

Miracle Temple Ministries is hosting a gospel sing on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Singers from around the lake will participate. Pastor Alvin E. Johnson invites the community to come out and enjoy the evening. Miracle Temple Ministries is located at 104 S.W. 18th Street, Belle Glade.

GDS annual golf tourney is March 22

Glades Day School's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at the Belle Glade Golf Course. The event, scheduled to coincide with the school's "Spring Fling" will start with registration at 8 a.m. and tee off at 9 a.m. Cost is \$35 for club members and \$40 for non-members. Refreshments will be provided. 1st prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Golfers can sign up by calling 996-6605.

Doctor Bus to be at Belle Glade City Hall

February is Heart Month and a Community Health Outreach Day is planned for Feb. 26 at Belle Glade City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot.

The "Doctor Bus" will be available to screen for hypertension, high cholesterol, and give information about the lifestyle factors which contribute to heart disease. The "doctor bus" is available for see both adults and children. For more information, call Marylou Powers, 996-1600.

Med-Mobile to be at South Bay City Hall

The C.L. Brumback, Glades Health Center Med-Mobile will be at the Belle Glade Municipal Complex on Feb. 26. The Med-Mobile will provide screening for high blood pressure, cholesterol checks, and factors which could lead to a heart attack. A provider will be available for physical examinations and X-rays, if necessary, and associated health care workers will be available to provide educational and nutritional information.

For more information, contact Marylou Powers, Med-Mobile Program Coordinator at 996-1600.

Recovery Group meets at Good Shepherd

A Christ-centered recovery group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome.

The church is located at 1800 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee.



PAHOKEE'S 1996 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—Pastor James Brewer receives the Chamber's most prestigious award from Roger Hatton. Photo by Stephanie Schneider

Milranda Smith and Esther Berry to face off in South Bay election

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

It looked as if it would be a shoe-in for three South Bay City Commissioners seeking reelection in South Bay. But, just before the Tuesday noon deadline, another candidate filed for the seat currently held by Milranda Smith.

Smith, a four-term incumbent, will face Esther Berry, a former city commissioner. Berry, 50, is a college instructor.

Smith, 32, is a school counselor for alternative education at West Technical Education Center. She said she is running again because she would like to continue to be a part of the vision for South Bay. "Our goal is to diversify the area. I would like to continue to be a part of that process."

Smith said she spearheaded the city's first festival last year and was proud of the turnout. "It was a lot of effort, but we

eral years, but it never got off the ground until last year. Smith said she hopes in the coming years the festival can generate money which she would like to see be used for youth programs.

Newcomer Clarissa Davis, 26, who will be serving her first full term. She was elected November 19 to fill the unexpired term of Michael Jackson. Jackson relinquished his seat to become South Bay's City Manager.

Davis, who works for the Palm Beach County School Board as a HomeBound instructor, said she is relieved she doesn't have to campaign. She says she will now be able to focus on working with the com-

Sugar House.

Referring to the progress he has seen in the city, he said, "We have not accomplished all we have set out to do. We've made strides, but we still haven't made our set goals."

Anderson said in the past,



Basil Anderson.

economic development has been hampered by the lack of land for expansion, but the city has now acquired the Brady property. The land is located north of the city, and will be used to bring new business to the city. Anderson said the city has nearly \$1 million in grant development money for the project, but officials want to be careful in selecting businesses for the site.

"We've had many offers, but we are trying to not go too fast. We want to do what's best for the city and some of the offers were not in the city's best interest. We don't want to make any mistakes here."

The election will take place March 11 at South Bay City Hall and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A photo of Esther Berry was not available.



Milranda Smith

were excited with the turnout and the success of Bay Fest," she said.

The commission has wanted to host its own festival for sev-

munity to beautify the town. She heads the city's Beautification Committee. "With the help of the citizens, I think we can make South Bay a place where others will want to live," she said.

Basil Anderson, 57, will be serving his sixth term. He said he has never drawn opposition for his seat. Anderson is a chemist for U.S. Sugar, Bryant



MAKING THEIR MOTHERS PROUD—These former Pahokee High School football players sign national letters of intent with Division 1 colleges as their mothers look on. Photo by Stephanie Schneider

Pahokee's Finest were honored at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet

By Stephanie Schneider
Reporter

On Thursday, February 6, the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce celebrated and honored some of its finest citizens. At a banquet held in Old Towne Hall (old Pahokee High School's cafeteria), guests were treated to a meal of prime rib and other side dishes served by Glades Day's National Honor Society members.

Many awards went out to many deserving citizens and volunteers but Pahokee Chamber of Commerce's most prestigious award went to the President of the Chamber. The most touching part was that he was totally unaware that he was the one to receive the award and he went on as the Master of Ceremonies and gave out every award except the one he received. The President's Award, the award that the President of the Chamber gives out to whomever he or she may want to for whatever reason, went to Pastor Brewer's wife.

Pioneer of the year went to Lewis Friend; Business of the Year went to Paul's Parts, Napa Dealership; Volunteer of the Year went to Teryl Collier; City Employee of the Year went to Ken Schenck; Distinguished Service Award went to Fire Chief Gary Burroughs; and Citizen of the Year went to Rev. James H. Brewer.

The banquet was ended on a remark by Rev. Brewer. "After my daughter died, I pulled every string I knew to try and leave Pahokee and it seemed as if God slammed every door I tried to open. Then one day I was driving into Pahokee from out of town and tears welled up in my eyes because I no longer saw a poverty stricken community, I saw the people and not the dirt on the street and I realized how lucky I was to live in a community like Pahokee."

Nine local high school athletes sign letters of intent with Division 1 colleges

By Stephanie Schneider
Sun Reporter

On Wednesday, February 5, National Signing Day for college athletes, nine local football players signed national letters of intent with the schools they chose to attend.

Four young men from Pahokee High School and five from Glades Central High School will be attending Division 1 schools next fall on football scholarships.

From Glades Central High School, Otis Duhat will be attending Florida State University, Michael Alford will be attending Morgan State University, Bruce Hightower will be attending Youngstown State University, Andre Bryant will attend Morgan State University, and Daniel Brown will be attending Troy State University.

From Pahokee High School, Ronald Boldin will be attending Florida State University, Richard Bryant will be attending West Virginia University, Anthony Williams will be attending the University of South Florida, and James Burroughs will be attending the University of Central Florida.

When asked what influenced their decisions on the colleges they chose, many players answered that the colleges or universities had a good program in the fields they wanted to major in and very few said anything about playing football.

Ronald Boldin stated, "When I walked on the campus of Florida State, I felt like I was at home. It's a great school. It also has a great athletic program. I felt like I was truly at home when I was there and Bobby Bowden is a really great man."

Richard Bryant stated

that at West Virginia University, most of the current football team was from Florida so he felt he was at home there.

Bruce Hightower chose Youngstown State because he felt it was a school where he could get his education as well as play football.

Otis Duhat stated, "It came to a point where F.S.U. was the only place for me. They were really focused on me getting my education and they are really supportive of the students."

Andre Bryant chose Morgan State University because he felt that with Andre Waters (former Philadelphia Eagle safety from Pahokee), he would have someone to take him under their wing. He also said, "I felt it was a good school with a good program and between those two, I feel really good about going."

Daniel Brown, the son of a former G.C. athletic director, chose Troy State University not because of the athletic facilities but because of the Criminal Justice program. "I feel like I can get a good education and also have the chance to play football. The education is the most important though."

Michael Alford chose Morgan State because, "Morgan State is a mostly black school. I feel like I will do good when I'm around my kind of people. The Criminal Justice program is also really good. I like police work and that's what I want to be when I get through with college and football."

Without any hesitation, all nine young men stated that their mothers were the ones who had the most influence on their lives and are the ones who helped shape them into the people they are today.

Too Many Warnings?

By Mike Lyons

If a tree falls in the forest, and no one hears it, did it make any noise? This philosophical puzzle, this enigma, does not have a correct answer. It is a question designed to get one thinking.

If a tornado drops out of a cloud, and no one sees or hears it, does it cause any damage? This question is based on real events and raises some serious questions about weather warnings in the United States.

On Tuesday, January 28, the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for central Palm Beach County. The warning was based on a pilot's report of a tornado located between Lion Country Safari and Pahokee.

The pilot, flying a single engine aircraft at 3,000 feet, saw what he thought was a tornado. The National Weather Service was unable to confirm the twister on Doppler radar but, based on the pilot's eyewitness account, decided to issue the tornado warning.

A farmer in the area said he saw a funnel cloud but he said the funnel never touched the ground. A passenger in a Delta airliner making its approach to Palm Beach International Airport said he saw a tornado.

So, what was it? A tornado or a funnel cloud? We'll probably never know for sure. If it was a tornado it was a very weak one with winds less than



Mike Lyons

100 mph.

But the larger question is why did the National Weather Service issue a tornado warning when the nearest populated area is 15 to 20 miles away? Remember, this tornado/funnel cloud developed literally in the middle of nowhere.

This was a vegetable field in central Palm Beach County. Who was going to be warned that a tornado was coming? The radishes?

I realize our recent spell of cold weather took its toll on our vegetables, but is the National Weather Service now issuing tornado warnings for celery and tomato crops? What's next? Severe thunderstorm warnings for sugar cane?

Of course not. The good folks at the National Weather Service will tell you they were playing it safe, just doing their job. If they have reason to

believe that a tornado has formed in our area, they will issue a tornado warning as soon as possible.

That is their responsibility. But responsibility has to be tempered by common sense. There are only so many times we can say "the sky is falling" before people begin to ignore these warnings altogether.

And, boy there are a lot of warnings. In 1995, the NWS transmitted 25,000 weather warnings around the country. A Weather Service study reports that, "each severe weather warning and severe weather event nearly matched."

Meaning, each of those warnings was necessary. Still, the study concluded that the Weather Service may be issuing too many warnings. And, that many of the warnings are vague and confusing.

The Weather Service is concerned about this problem and is attempting to do something about it. They know, for example, that most people don't know the difference between a watch and a warning.

Perhaps the next time a tornado or funnel cloud touches down in our area, the National Weather Service should consider whether any people will be affected. After all, if a tornado knocks down a tree, and no one is there to hear it, does it make any noise?

Celebrity Celebration for Heart Event

Some of the Glades' best known citizens will be enjoying a heart-healthy lunch on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at the Drawbridge Cafe. But they won't be eating lunch; they'll be serving it! It's all part of a fun-filled American Heart Association event called Celebrity Celebration for Heart.

Kenny Cavinee, Lomax Harrelle, Steward Stein and Barney Weeks will be serving their guests a variety of lunch items including water, dinnerware, napkins, songs, dances, etc., each for the price of a "tip." Other waiters include Jerry Tuliano, Brian Lohmann, Mike Underwood and Master of Ceremonies, Mike Miller.

"Celebrity Celebration for Heart will be a great time for the waiters and their guests," said Steve Weeks, chairperson of the event. "It could be our best opportunity to watch Glades celebrities act as crazy as they can to raise money for a good cause."

For more information, call Steve Weeks at 996-2014 or Susan Stone at 800-AHA-USA1.



FISHIN' FOR FUN...Local residents Jontavious Simmons and McKenson Delva, along with carnival worker Jamie Burkett seem to be enjoying Glades Fest.



TWO SCOOPS OF FUN...Lannie Nelson of Belle Glade clowns around at Glades Fest.

Pahokee Marina & Campground

Pahokee's city operated marina and campground offers a back to nature experience. The community, founded at the turn of the century, possesses a rural, unspoiled environment. The community's goal is to provide comfortable modern accommodations without destroying the charm and warmth of a sheltered welcoming harbor. It is a progressive community located 45 miles from West Palm Beach and 100 miles from Ft. Myers.

Pahokee is the only deep water port located directly on the shoreline of Lake Okechobee. The protected marina has 85 boat slips and can accommodate vessels to 65 feet. The facility has undergone a million dollar renovation and has state of the art floating concrete docks. For the camper, sites are available on the shore of Lake Okechobee.

Grocery stores, restaurants, hardware stores, NAPA auto parts, pharmacies, banks, local video rental stores, etc. are all within easy walking distance of

the harbor. Those interested in fishing will find an abundance of bass, speck, bluegill and fresh water catfish. The levees on the rim of Lake Okechobee offer over 100 miles of trails for hikers and bikers.

MARINA APPROACH AND DOCKING

Heading west on the Okeechobee Waterway, the marina is located on the Rim route (Route #2, Nautical Chart 11428) at st. mile 50.5. From Port Mayaca, at st. mile 39, head south and follow the channel to the marina. The protected marina basin is located between ICW markers 59 and 64. There is reported to be 6 feet of water in the basin when the controlled depth of water in Lake Okechobee is 12.5 feet. There is no tide or current in the basin.

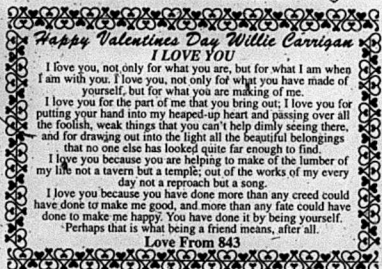
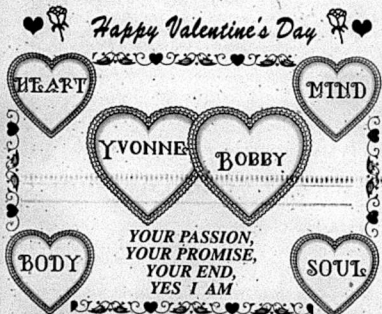
The marina has new state of the art floating concrete finger piers with tie-off pilings. Set your fenders low. Vessels to 65 feet can be accommodated. The

marina staff monitors VHF channel 16. Call for docking instructions and assistance when you are approaching the marina. The staff is on duty from 7am-10pm seven days a week.

BASIC DATA

- *Daily Dockage Rates: \$9.90 per day, per vessel.
- *Campground Rates: \$10-\$12 per day.
- *Water: Available.
- *Electricity: 30 and 50 amp.
- *Electric Surcharge: \$3 per cord.
- *Showers: Clean (new tile planned for fall).
- *Laundry: Six washers and four dryers.
- *Marina Store: Fishing tackle, ice, live bait and snacks.
- *Post Office: 2 blocks.
- *Hospital: 3 blocks.
- *Shopping: Grocery shopping within walking distance.
- *Tennis & Shuffleboard: nearby.
- *Golf Course: Nine miles from marina.
- *Biking & Hiking: On the levee along the rim of Lake Okechobee.
- *Picnic Grills & Tables: On site.
- *Sight-seeing & Dinner Cruises: On site.
- *Fishing: From piers or bank.
- *Airports: Palm Beach International, 45 minutes away and Palm Beach County airport in town.
- *Transportation: Bike rentals bus service to West Palm Beach, local limo service, rental cars out of Belle Glade.
- *Credit Cards (for fuel only): MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Chevron.
- *Dockage: Cash or check.
- *Pumpout: On site, \$10 charge.
- *Fire Rescue Boat: Only one off the lake.
- *Diesel & Gas Fuel: Available

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Medical Services

A Disease More Contagious than AIDS

By Paula Swaford, RN

Everyone, everywhere, by now, realizes how deadly and contagious Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, is. What would you say if I told you that a common disease that threatens people every day in the United States is ONE HUNDRED TIMES more contagious than AIDS? The chance of contracting the HIV virus that causes AIDS after one exposure is one in 200. The chance of contracting this other disease is ONE IN THREE!

This insidious disease is Hepatitis B, and is caused by a virus that damages the liver. We learned in anatomy or biology class that the liver is the largest organ in the body. It acts like a giant filter to remove toxins from our system, keeping our blood supply healthy. It also aids in digesting food. Hepatitis B can lead to mild or severe illness, infection for life, cirrhosis (which damages the liver) and ultimately death if the liver stops working. Hepatitis B is known to be the most common cause of liver cancer in the world.

Hepatitis B is really a very sneaky disease. Some people who get Hepatitis B do not even feel sick, or they think they may have caught a cold. Others who get the virus may have fever, upset stomach, vomiting, muscle aches, stomach or joint pain, tiredness and yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice). If we eliminate jaundice from the above listed symptoms, one might think they had experienced an intestinal virus or a light case of the "flu". The signs of Hepatitis B may last for weeks to months and then go away, because some people don't have symptoms or really feel bad, they avoid going to the doctor and remain undiagnosed.

So, how do you get Hepatitis B? It lives in body fluids such as blood, saliva, vaginal fluid and semen. Contact with the



Paula Swaford, RN

fluids of an infected person can infect you with Hepatitis B. It is not passed in the air, spread by casual contact (like shaking hands or sitting next to someone) or through food and water. You are most likely to get Hepatitis B if you have sex with a person who has Hepatitis B and you don't use a condom to protect yourself (in other words, screen your sex partners carefully, as most infected people don't run

around with a large "B" tattooed on their foreheads). You can get it from using IV drugs and sharing needles, having sex with more than one person, sharing items such as razors and toothbrushes which may have body fluids of an infected person on them, using tattoo, ear piercing or other needles used by someone who has Hepatitis B, handling blood or blood products on your job, living in the same house with someone who has an acute or lifelong HBV infection (carrier), or if you travel to other countries where many people have Hep B. If you are someone whose parents were born in Southeast Asia, Africa, the Amazon Basin in South America, Pacific Islands, Alaska or the Middle East, you are also at risk.

The good news in all this is that a vaccine is available in a series of three immunizations over six months time which will help protect people at risk

for developing or contracting Hepatitis B. The population most at risk includes health care workers who are exposed to blood, kidney dialysis patients, homosexual or bisexual males, IV drug users, residents and staff of mental health institutions and finally, the clincher, sexual contacts of people who carry the virus. A Hepatitis B carrier is someone who harbors the virus in his/her body, though they themselves may not appear ill, and can infect other people living with them through contact with bodily fluids. If you are pregnant and have Hepatitis B, you are likely to pass along this virus to your unborn child. A simple blood test can confirm it. All babies at birth can be given the vaccination.

Now that there is no cure for this disease. The best prevention is education and knowing how to protect yourself and your family. An estimated 300,000 people in the United States are infected with Hepatitis B every year; more than ten thousand of them require hospitalization and approximately 250 die each year of advanced liver disease. Ask your health care provider for more information as the need arises. Until next time...stay informed and stay healthy.



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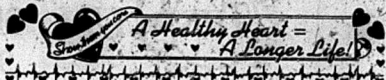
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OPINION PAGE



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Kids and adults not crossing at intersections

"I would like to **Speak Out** concerning the pedestrian traffic on SW Avenue E. My route to work in the morning takes me past Lake Shore Middle School. Now, I understand that the students need to get to school, but they don't wait until they reach the crossing guard to cross over. They do it everywhere.

Parents, this is dangerous for your children. There are often many vehicles, including large trucks, parked on the side of the road.

I consider myself a careful driver, but a child darting out from between vehicles could be seriously injured or even killed. As adults, it is our duty to protect the children of our community. Parents, teach your children to cross the street at intersections only, using traffic lights as a guide and always looking both ways.

It would be best if they crossed only where the crossing guard is, but sometimes they may want to walk with friends, etc. In these cases,

kids, please for your own safety, join your friends at an intersection.

Later in the day, my errands for work take me back down Avenue E. At this time of day, the adults are just as reckless as the kids. People, you're grown, you know better. Cross at intersections, for your own safety. What's a few extra steps when it keeps you alive and healthy?

Just a concerned citizen

Rough crossing in South Bay

"The railroad crossing in South Bay is very rough. I have noticed this for quite some time now. When is something going to be done about this?

I'm afraid I'm going to ruin a tire or throw my front end out of alignment. Who is responsible for fixing this?

Please, let's do something about this. Too many people travel this road for it to be such a rough crossing."



"DO I GET CREDIT FOR BEING SMART ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT I WAS GOING TO MAKE THOSE KIND OF GRADES?"

Letters to the Editor

Planned Parenthood in Belle Glade closing its doors

Dear Editor:

This week, Planned Parenthood Glades Center is closing its doors after 18 years of serving the men and women of this community. Planned Parenthood has long been recognized as the national and local leader in providing family planning, reproductive health care and educational programs. Our efforts are aimed at the prevention of unwanted and mistimed pregnancies. We give people access to care and reliable information with which to make decisions that have the most tremendous impact on the quality of life and the ability of self-determination.

This was not an easy decision for our board of directors. Planned Parenthood came to the Glades at a time when very few providers were here. Such is not the case today. With the changing health care industry and the increase in the number of providers, the need for our medical services has slowly diminished. We feel confident that the Glades community now has sufficient providers, both public and private, to meet the family planning needs of its citizens. If this changes, Planned Parenthood will reassess its decision and return, if necessary.

We thank you for your past support and belief in the programs and services of Planned Parenthood. We look forward to maintaining our educational presence and giving any assistance we can to continue the spirit of strong communities beginning with strong families.

Sincerely,

**Mary Kay Murray, MSW
Executive Director**

Commissioners respond to inquiries concerning removing the dike

Editor's note: Commissioner Carter "Happy" Tucker and Vice-Mayor Daniel S. Bythwood are responding to an opinion article written by Dan Williams of the University of Miami's Center for Urban and Community Design. Mr. Williams, who worked with a local Charrette group, wrote the article for the *Miami Herald*. If not published the day before he presented it to the city residents and commission in a final Charrette held Monday, January 27, 1997.

Belle Glade City Commissioner Carter P. Tucker's letter was written to Jim Hampton, editor of the *Miami Herald* and reprinted here so Belle Glade residents will know Commissioner Tucker's stance on the issue.

In response to the January 26, 1997 article written in the *Miami Herald* entitled *Lessons From Belle Glade*, it should be noted the opinions voiced in this article reflect the views of Dan Williams of the University of Miami's Center for Urban and Community Design, his staff, and a few others less knowledgeable of our area. Any ideas espoused by Mr. Williams in this article have not and will not be undertaken without thorough investigation by the Belle Glade City Commission as a whole.

I might add that you can be assured any attempt to remove or alter the Herbert Hoover Dike would be vehemently opposed by this commissioner. The article was written before its contents were presented to the Belle Glade City Commission or to the other participants of the Charrette.

I myself, am involved in farming and can easily spot the many statements made by Mr. Williams as being ludicrous, such as growing sugar cane organically in water. Others not so informed may take some of Mr. Williams' incorrect statements as factual or attainable. This only exacerbates the problems agriculture has dealing with the public at large, and with orga-

nized Everglades Agricultural Area back to a flooded state as in the pre-20th Century.

I, along with others who preceded me on the commission, advocated the installation of a pleasure boat lock for several years. The lake is indeed an asset and should be used to encourage tourism in our area, but never to the detriment of the agricultural industry which has long been the mainstay of our community.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that I, as a public official, was personally offended, and I feel the individuals involved in this farce owe me, the City Commission, and the community an apology in print to clear the air.

Sincerely,

**Carter P. Tucker
City Commissioner**

Vice-Mayor Daniel Bythwood wrote the following letter to George H. Wedgworth, president of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. Mr. Bythwood asked that this letter be reprinted in The Sun newspaper.

Dear Mr. Wedgworth:

As Vice-Mayor of the City of Belle Glade, I want you to know that I am not in favor of destroying the levee or any portion of the Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okechobee, because in my thinking, I would be a fool to cut off the hand that feeds me. I know that, if the levee was destroyed, it would destroy the City of Belle Glade. I live here and certainly I would not want to destroy the place where I live.

I have attended a few of the Charrette meetings, but at no time have I, or any of the other commissioners, endorsed Mr. Williams' ideas. I feel that Mr. Williams' thinking was his own and not that of the City Commissioners. Therefore, I am glad that you are concerned, as I am, with keeping that which has helped us over these many years. We cannot afford another 1928 disaster, so nobody in their right mind would even think of this, especially people who live in the Glades area. I wanted you to know my feelings. I believe there are other ways to improve the City of Belle Glade without destroying the Hoover Dike.

I have believed all along that you support the economic development of the Glades community, and I, myself, am proud to have you as a major employer in Belle Glade, generating over 900 jobs during the harvest season. We cannot afford to lose the help that the Cooperative has given the City of Belle Glade. I want to thank you and all the board members for your concern.

Yours for a better Belle Glade,

**Daniel S. Bythwood
Vice-Mayor**

Editor's note: We contacted Mr. Williams to give him the opportunity to respond to these comments. He said he regrets any misunderstanding and concern due to the article in the *Miami Herald*. He said he probably would have handled it differently, knowing now that a problem came from this.

He still believes removing a portion of the dike would be beneficial to the town AND to agriculture. He is vehemently opposed to the removal of agriculture and believes that by working together we can find connections between urban, agricultural, and natural systems.

He would welcome an opportunity to talk to the agricultural interests about the plan and discuss organic farming and the type of ideas he proposes is the wave of the future in the next 100 years.

Mr. Williams has asked for additional space to explain more fully his ideas. He will be submitting a guest commentary in next week's edition

What should you do when a business closes?

You take your TV to a repair shop, but when you return to pick it up, you find that the shop is no longer in business. What do you do when the company you've been doing business with or expect further service from has suddenly gone out of business?

Trying to locate a company that has gone out of business can be difficult.

Your **Better Business Bureau** of Palm Beach County suggests the following:

- Go to the last known location to see if the company has posted any instructions or signs. If not, ask neighboring companies if they know what may have happened. If the business was located in an office building, you should try contacting the landlord of the building.

- Send a letter to the company's last known address asking the owner to contact you. Even if the business has closed, the mail may be subject to a forwarding order. You could also check with your post office to see if the company has a forwarding address.

- If you don't know the names of the principals, check with your city or county clerk's office. This may require a personal visit and you may be charged a small fee.

- If the business is regulated, such as attorneys, doctors, engineers, employment services, new car dealer, etc. contact the licensing agency. If you're not sure whether the company is regulated, contact the state's Department of Licensing and Regulations office. They will be able to

tell you how to contact the appropriate regulatory authorities.

- contact the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court in the area the company was located to see if the company may have filed for bankruptcy.

- contact your **Better Business Bureau** (BBB). The BBB does not trace companies, but it does receive information daily on a number of changes in business locations and ownerships and may be able to help you.

- If you are successful in locating the owner and the business is not in bankruptcy, you are still owed your services, product or money. Closing a business does not relieve the owner of his or her obligation to you. If you cannot obtain an appropriate settlement from the company, file a complaint with the Attorney General's office, with Small Claims Court or seek the help of an attorney.

- If the company has filed for bankruptcy, you should file a claim with the bankruptcy court. The court will suspend the company's obligations to creditors and customers until it approves a plan to reorganize or liquidate the company. Under the plan you, as a claimant, may or may not get all or part of what you're owed.

Editor's note: In the Glades, residents who have questions about a business that may have closed can call the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745 to see if they have any information.

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NO WAY! Sam Turner of Belle Glade was pulled out of the crowd Saturday night to go onstage with Florence LaRue, an original member of the 5th Dimension. Sam was asked to show the audience some dance moves. He got a laugh out of that, and eventually did a few dance steps. The 5th Dimension put on a good show at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, singing many of the songs that have been top 10 hits for the group.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 635 complaints and worked 17 crime scenes the week of February 3-9. Those arrested include:

February 3 - Tyrone Brown, 26, aggravated domestic assault with a motor vehicle, felony criminal mischief; **Richard McCrae, 35,** two counts of failure to appear.

February 4 - Annette Benjamin, 21, retail theft; **Cynthia Hill, 35,** aggravated assault; **Andrew Washington, 31,** contempt of court.

February 5 - No arrests made.

February 6 - Anthony Perkins, 18, strong arm robbery and grand theft; **Billy**

Francouire, 20, auto burglary; **Joseph Irving, 28,** contempt of court.

February 7 - Bernard Davis, 33, violation of probation; **Freddie Davis, 33,** aggravated domestic assault; **Willie Harvey, 36,** failure to appear; **Henry Gaines, 20,** sale of cocaine; **Simon Mickens, 23,** violation of probation; **Shirley Woodson, 39,** armed robbery, petty theft.

February 8 - Allen Madison, 25, aggravated domestic battery resisting arrest with violence; **Angela Bryant, 26,** aggravated domestic battery; **Terry Moore, 29,** battery; **Aaron Robinson, 27,** battery; **Juvenile, 15,** affray; **Juvenile, 15,** affray; **Rolan-**

do Banda, 35, domestic battery; **Willie Billups, 20,** contempt of court.

February 9 - Bill Griffin, 31, contempt of court; **Juan Tegan, 39,** sexual battery, false imprisonment and aggravated domestic battery; **Johnny Crawford, 24,** contempt of court.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Crime Stoppers



Patrick Wayne Bell

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Patrick Wayne Bell, who is wanted for lewd assault. Bell also goes by the alias Patrick Fountain and Georgory Belk. He is 6' tall and weighs 230 pounds. His last known address was 2859 Hinda Road, Lake Park.

He has black hair and brown eyes and a gold capped tooth with the letter "P" on the tooth. His date of birth is Jan-

uary 23, 1966. His Social Security number is 267-83-2196 and his last occupation is unknown.

His warrant was active as of February 4, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of Patrick Wayne Belle, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477.

You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property.

Sorority makes plans for Founders Day

Xi Zeta Mu held their first meeting of the year, January 27th, at the home of the Chapter's President, Judy McMillan with Linda McMillan as Co-Hostess.

Judy McMillan and Laurel Yarr presented a program on "Dieting", including counting fat grams, calories, etc., as well as having a lovely buffet using the diet plan. This was an appropriate program for this

time of year. During the business meeting, discussions and plans were made regarding our "Founders Day" celebration in April. Linda McMillan won the gift raffle.

Several members attended a Beta Sigma Phi Luncheon in Ft. Lauderdale, Saturday, February 1st. Also several members attended the South Florida Fair as our social for

the month of January.

Members in attendance for our January meeting were Greedle York, Laurel Tarr, Gloria Swager, Sara Phillips, Lavorne Motes, Barbara Meroney, Pat McKee, Linda McMillan, Judy McMillan, Janise Goforth, Laura Enfinger, Karen Corbin, Sandra Chamblee, Florence Acree and our Sponsor, Jane Evans.

Lake Shore celebrates Black History Month

On Saturday, Feb. 22, the Annual Lake Shore High School Reunion Banquet will be held in the school's cafeteria at 7 p.m. The Reunion Banquet is special to the participants because it ties together the contributors and special people from the "old school" to the

"new school". Events will culminate on Friday, Feb. 29 with the Black History Field Day.

Parents or members of the community who have questions about any of these events should contact Mr. Glover at 993-4046 between 8:15 a.m. to



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Happy 10th Birthday
Johnita Nicole Perry

Johnita is in the Gifted Program at Pahokee Elementary School. She is the daughter of Gail Davis and John Perry. Her grandparents are Duwilla and Jerry Davis and Walter Perry Senior. May God continue to Bless and Guide You. Love, Your Family

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U.S. Sugar President J. Nelson Fairbanks named one of the nation's top business leaders

J. Nelson Fairbanks, president and CEO of U.S. Sugar Corp., is one of 10 U.S. business leaders to receive the prestigious Outstanding Business Leader Award from Northwood University in West Palm Beach.

Fairbanks was honored, along with other 1997 recipients including General Motors Chairman and CEO John F. Smith Jr., Jerry Colangelo of the Phoenix Suns, and James M. Moran of J.M. Family Enterprises, Inc. at a gala awards dinner in Palm Beach recently.

The awards are presented annually to people who exemplify business success, economic innovation, creative marketing, community involvement, entrepreneurship and a strong belief in the free enterprise system. Dr. Arthur Turner, co-founder of the University, began the awards program in 1981. E. Lloyd Eccles, Jr., chairman of National Investment Company and a 1989 award recipient, nominated Fairbanks and introduced him at the dinner.

Fairbanks, who has been president and CEO of U.S. Sugar since 1987, is credited with leading the company through sweeping environmental changes, expanding its technological and research capabilities, building the newest citrus processing facility in America, leading the company into the sugar refining business and spearheading an employee stock ownership plan that made employees the largest single shareholder group in the company.

He serves as a director of many organizations, including the Florida Council of 100,



J. Nelson Fairbanks

Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. and First Union National Bank of Florida. He is a past director of The Florida Sugar Cane League, The Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin counties, Florida Council on Economic Education, World Sugar Research Organization and Associated Industries of Florida. He is also a member of the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida.

Under his leadership, U.S. Sugar has become one of the largest producers of sugar in the United States, as well as a major citrus producer with 28,000 acres of orange groves and a processing plant that is ranked among the top five in the state, processing 13 million boxes of oranges annually.

In accepting the award, Fairbanks said he shared the honor with his staff and attributed much of his success to them. "I learned very early in my business life that the people you surround yourself with and the work they do in concert with one another makes it possible for a business enterprise to be successful. Having good people and getting them involved in decision making at the highest

levels is a good formula for success in corporate America," he told the group of more than 600 who attended the black tie event.

Fairbanks grew up on a small farm in Louisiana. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Louisiana State University and began a career in agriculture that led to an economist position with the American Sugar Cane League in New Orleans. Two years later he joined the Florida Sugar Cane League as vice president and general manager, a position he held for 12 years. In 1978 he moved to U.S. Sugar as vice president of corporate development.

Fairbanks told the audience he never lost sight of the values instilled by his parents: "Accept responsibility, demonstrate reliability, do what you believe is right, treat people fairly and remember there is no problem that can't be solved if you set your mind to it."

Throughout his career, Fairbanks has encouraged employees to participate in the community. He told the audience that when corporations become successful "you have the obligation to give something back to the community." He noted that U.S. Sugar supports many community projects, the foremost of which is education - from full scholarships to valedictorians in area high schools to making scholarships available to employees' children to financial support of colleges and universities.

This year marks the 17th anniversary of the Outstanding Business Leader Awards Program by Northwood University.

Kindness Week is celebrated at West Technical Education Center

The week of February 10-16, 1997 is designated as National Random Acts of Kindness Week. The faculty, staff, and student body of West Technical Education Center are celebrating the week by promoting and practicing acts of kindness.

There are morning announcements focusing on the theme of kindness. Posters are placed around campus on "acts of kindness" and the

advertising of a writing contest on kindness.

On Monday and Wednesday, the students received West Tech pencils, rulers, and book-markers from the teachers in appreciation for being enrolled at the school. The students will also be treated to a special lunch time dessert on Friday from the faculty and staff.

The administration hosted a breakfast brunch prepared by

the Food Production Program for the West Area bus drivers on Wednesday. Each driver received a plant for their support and hard work.

Plants will also be given to the community organizations such as the police and fire departments and the library and hospital.

There are other surprises of kindness planned as the week continues.

Boys & Girls Club planning Spring Break Camp in Belle Glade & South Bay

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to participate in the 1997 Spring Break Camp at Lake Shore Civic Center.

Sponsored by the Glades Boys & Girls Club of Belle Glade and South Bay, the camp will be held in the new club facility at the civic center and at Tanner Park Communi-

ty Center in South Bay.

The events will begin March 27 and run through April 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The cost is \$20 for the first child in a family and \$15 for the second child, \$10 for the third and just \$5 for a family of four.

Participants must bring

their own lunch or purchase lunch from the full service snack bar.

Field trips are planned and cost for these is extra. A trip to the Rapids will be \$10 and Skateaway is \$3, bowling is also \$3 extra.

For more information about the camp, call 992-5399.

Fat Boys' Bar-B-Q

For the Month of February
LUNCH SPECIALS

*Monday - Chopped BBQ Sandwich (French Fries, Beans & Cole Slaw) - \$4.50

*Tuesday - Country Fried Steak (Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables) - \$4.75

*Wednesday - Chicken & Dumplings with Garlic Bread - \$4.99

*Thursday - Pork or Beef Plate (Choice of Baked Potato or Fries, Beans, Cole Slaw & Garlic Bread) - \$5.50

*Friday - Pork Chops (Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetables & Garlic Bread) - \$4.99

*Saturday - All U Can Eat BBQ Chicken (Mashed Potatoes or Fries, Beans, Slaw & Garlic Bread) - \$5.99

*Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish (Mashed Potatoes or Fries, Beans, Slaw & Garlic Bread) - \$6.95

DINNER SPECIALS

*Monday - All U Can Eat Pork - \$6.95

*Tuesday - 16oz Sirloin (Cole Slaw or Salad) - \$11.99

*Wednesday - Country Fried Steak - \$6.95

*Thursday - Catfish Dinner - \$6.25

*Friday - All U Can Eat Ribs - \$6.95

*Saturday - All U Can Eat Chicken - \$5.95

*Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish - \$6.95

The above served with choice of Potato, Beans, Cole Slaw and Garlic Bread.
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Black Gold Notes

By Sue Teets, Jubilee Chairman

Jubilee Committee sponsors Creative Writing Contest

As part of its Celebration of the American Family, the Jubilee committee is sponsoring a creative writing contest for Belle Glade area students in grades 4-12. Although no prizes will be awarded for the contest, the winning entries will be featured in the 1997 Black Gold Jubilee booklet.

Area students are encouraged to submit original work written about the importance of family or to highlight a special family event, trip, or memorable occasion. Entries may

be in prose or poem form, and should be either typed or written in black or dark blue ink. Suggested length is 25 lines for poetry and a 200-word maximum for prose.

Students should submit their entries through the schools. However entries also may be submitted to The Sun newspaper or to Belle Glade City Hall. Winners will be announced with the publication of the Black Gold Jubilee booklet in April.

For more information, contact Brenda Bunting at 561-996-4404 or Sue Teets at 561-992-1600.

Tennis Tournament is looking for you!
Anyone interested in playing in the Black Gold tennis tournament should call Jeana Schlechter at 561-996-9615.

Volunteer Firemen will host Children's Fishing Tournament

Black Gold is only a few weeks away, so get that fishing gear ready for the children's fishing tournament.

There is no charge to enter and participants receive a free t-shirt courtesy of Bank of Belle Glade.



OPEN FOR BUSINESS. School Zone of Belle Glade, Inc. has opened its doors in the Towne Square Plaza in Belle Glade. Manager Melanie Watson Hager is shown by some of the educational books offered at the business. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

School Zone of Belle Glade opens in Towne Square Plaza

School teachers and parents have been coming in to check out the newest store in town, School Zone of Belle Glade, Inc. The business opened Jan. 18 at 1100 North Main Street, Suite 103.

Owned by Hugh Branch, Jr., the business caters to those interested in the education of children.

"There was definitely a need here for this type of business," says Manager Melanie Watson Hager. "There were no educational supplies here in the Glades like this. We're being told by local teachers, as well as teachers from Clewiston, that they're glad to see us open."

Carrying items for elementary and intermedi-

ate age students, the store appeals to anyone interested in educating and motivating their children.

Melanie said she welcomes input from teachers and parents and will add to the stock any items in demand. "Anything we don't have, let me know, as we are still a growing business," she said.

Special orders are also welcome and can be shipped in about five days. Delivery is free to Palm Beach, Okeechobee and Hendry County schools.

School Zone of Belle Glade, Inc. is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and customers can call Melanie at 993-9633.

Statewide class action seeks compensation for Florida smokers suffering from medical conditions caused by cigarette smoking

Dade County Circuit Court Judge Alan J. Postman has ordered that all Florida citizens and residents, and their survivors, who have suffered, presently suffer or who have died from diseases and medical conditions caused by their addiction to cigarettes that contain nicotine be notified of a class action lawsuit which seeks compensation on their behalf. The legal notice relates to the class action *Howard A. Engle, M.D., et al. v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Philip Morris Tobacco Company, et al.*, certified by the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for Dade County, Florida, and affirmed by Florida's Third District Court of Appeal. A trial date of September 8, 1997 has been set.

Individuals who desire to remain a member of the class do not have to take any action at this time. Individuals wishing to "opt-out" of the class and be excluded from any judgment or settlement that may arise from this action must express their desire for exclusion in writing, postmarked no later than July 15, 1997.

All requests for exclusion should be mailed to: Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, 73 West Flagler Street, Room 138, Miami, FL 33130.

Counsel for the Plaintiff class of injured smokers is the husband and wife team of Stanley M. Rosenblatt and Susan Rosenblatt. Mr. Rosenblatt said, "Addiction to nicotine in cigarettes has taken an enormous human health toll on the residents of our state. This class action lawsuit, estimated to include over one-half million members seeks to win compensation for those who have been injured or have died as a result of smoking."

The lawsuit will start the first smokers class action in the history of tobacco litigation to actually go to trial before a judge and jury. The suit seeks to win compensation for those who

have been injured or have died as a result of smoking."

The lawsuit will be the first smokers class action in the history of tobacco litigation to actually go to trial before a judge and jury. The suit seeks compensatory and punitive damages based on several legal theories. The Plaintiffs allege that the Defendant tobacco companies have known of the addictive nature of nicotine for decades and have deliberately concealed this information from the public. Additionally, the Plaintiffs claim further allege that the Defendants knew and have known for decades that their product causes cancer and other diseases, yet have deliberately concealed and distorted this information. Additionally, the Defendants have intentionally manipulated the levels of nicotine in cigarettes in order to cause and continue the addiction of smokers.

The Defendants deny all of the allegations. The Defendants also deny that the class members are addicted and that the alleged diseases and medical conditions of smokers were caused by the Defendants.

Judge Postman ordered an expansive notice program to begin this week and continue for several months to inform Floridians of the class action.

The notice will be published in all Florida daily newspapers, and many weekly newspapers, at least once - twice in the larger daily newspapers. The notice will also be published three times in the Florida edition of Reader's Digest and in Florida Living.

Further information can be obtained by calling 1-800-704-1997 or writing: Stanley M. Rosenblatt, Esq., Post Office Box 9000, Miami, FL 33101-9000. Information can also be obtained on the Web at "http://www.kinsella.com/engle"

Community invited to grant writing workshop

Glades Community Development Corporation is sponsoring a grant writing workshop on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the old Glades Central High School library, 425 West Canal Street, North, Belle Glade.

Titled "Learn How to Write Your Own Grants", the course will be taught by various individuals from foundations who deal with grant writing.

Participants will be walked through all the steps needed to complete a "Top Notch Proposal."

Participating foundations and agencies include the Children's Services Council, the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin County, Lost Tree Charitable Foundation, United Way, and Juve-

nile Jöstice.

For more information or to

sign up for the workshop, call 992-8500.



Phlebotomy Classes at West Tech

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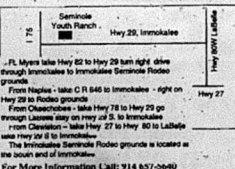
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Dr. I. Wonder's Science Circus
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Gator Tales

Valentine's Day is almost here and Glades Day's faculty and students are honoring the occasion with special flowers ordered from the Sophomore class. The carnations, which cost \$1 each, will be delivered with a message to fellow classmates, friends and sweethearts this Friday.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS, TAKE NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the junior high dance scheduled for this Saturday, Feb. 15, has been postponed until Friday, March 7. Those students who have already purchased their tickets from Student Council sponsor Mrs. Scruggs may return them for a refund or use them for admission to the March 7 dance. Save those dresses, girls!

The elementary dance for the Main Campus is still scheduled to take place this Friday, Feb. 14. Fifth and sixth graders will dance the night

away from 7-9:30 p.m. in Tripp Hall. Only GDS students are allowed to attend the dance. Sorry parents, it's even off limits to you!

National Honor Society sponsor Mrs. Sharon Baumgartner wishes to thank those NHS and NJHS members who worked at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce's dinner last week. As a service club, those two organizations have had several projects throughout the year, and these students' faces can be seen all over town as they help with various charity functions. The members have received quite a few compliments on their conduct and friendly assistance. Give yourself a pat (or two) on the back—you deserve it!

With the spring on the way, teachers and students are taking advantage of field trips to enhance their cultural awareness. This past Monday Mrs. Marion Primmer's computer students and Mrs. Dorinda



Shutt's art students traveled to the Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale to get a first hand look at advanced art design. Who knows, maybe we have a budding "Leonardo da Vinci" in the group!

The girls' weightlifting classes are also getting a close look at how physical fitness can help you by taking a trip to the Ultima Fitness gym in Wellington, where they viewed and tried out various types of exercise equipment. Sign us up!

GDS congratulates our one-man wrestling team, Donnie Scruggs, who finished second place in the district wrestling tournament last week. Donnie advances to the regional tournament in Ft. Lauderdale this week. **GOOD LUCK!**



He held the undivided attention of children... Adam Dodgin of Skydive Palm Beach, located at the Pahokee airport had K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary School students captivated by skydiving demonstrations.

Skydive Palm Beach puts on a show for K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary students

On January 24, 1997, the K.E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary Pre-Kindergarten classes visited Skydive Palm Beach at the Pahokee airport, to watch a demonstration of

skydiving

The new facility is owned and operated by Pat Dodgin. His son, Adam Dodgin, conducted the tour of the airport and the airplane, and demon-

strated how to pack a para-

chute. The students really enjoyed watching the skydivers floating through the sky in their colorful parachutes.

PBCC winter express term registration under way

Palm Beach Community College's winter express term registration is currently under way. Classes are scheduled to begin Monday, March 3, and

the final day to register is Friday, February 28.

For more information contact PBCC Lake Worth Campus (561) 439-8100; PBCC Palm

Beach Gardens Campus (561) 625-2410; PBCC Belle Glade Campus (561) 992-3055; or PBCC Boca Raton Campus (561) 367-4580.

Community Foundation accepting scholarship applications until March 1

NOTICE TO ALL GRADUATING SENIORS...

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications to the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin

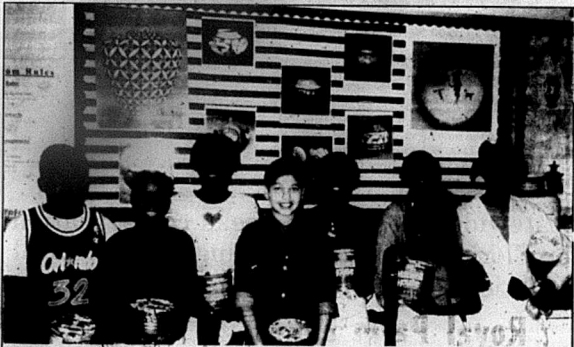
Counties is March 1, 1997.

Scholarships are awarded to Palm Beach and Martin County graduating seniors and are based on financial need. Applications can be obtained

through your guidance counselors or by calling the Community Foundation (561) 659-6800.



Sarah Josepha Hale, the most famous magazine editor in the U.S. during the 1800s was instrumental in persuading President Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday and was also the author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."



Future photographers...Introducing K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary's new photo club.

An IRA Can Lower Tax Bill

For many people who work for companies without a pension plan, setting up an individual retirement arrangement (IRA) can give a double bonus. It can lower their taxes if they make deductible contributions to the IRA and provides for a more secure retirement.

Anyone who has taxable compensation, such as wages, tips, commissions and taxable allowance, and who will be under age 70 1/2 at the end of the year can set up an IRA. Money can be put into an IRA at any time during the year or by the due date of the tax return for that year, not including extensions.

Contributions must be in the form of money, such as cash, check or money order. Property doesn't count. The most that can be contributed for any year is \$2,000 or taxable compensation, whichever is smaller. For married couples who work, the maximum is \$2,000 each. A working spouse can set up a spousal IRA for a spouse who has little or no taxable compensation. The maximum combined contributions to the working spouse's IRA and the spousal IRA is \$2,500. Many people can deduct part or all of their contributions. IRA earnings generally are not taxed until they are withdrawn from the account.

Publication 590, *Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)*, gives more information on IRAs, including how to compute and report deductible and nondeductible contributions, when to start withdrawing money and what actions will result in penalties. Order it by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Can't Pay, File Anyway



Don't let a shrinking wallet turn into a late federal income tax return. The results could make that wallet even emptier.

Once people get behind in their taxes, they often continue to put off filing. But the IRS says that is the worst move a person could make. Although there are penalties and interest for paying late, the penalties for failing to file in the first place are much larger. With each return not filed, the debt piles up. By the time IRS comes looking for the taxpayer, the amount owed may be overwhelming.

To avoid penalty and interest charges, people should pay their tax liability in full. Those who cannot afford to pay what they owe should contact the IRS to discuss payment options such as installment payments and offers to settle their tax account for less than the amount owed. However, the offer must be

in the best interest of both the person and the government.

The bottom line is that it's always better to file and, if necessary, make arrangements to pay rather than waiting for IRS to enforce the tax law. Consequences for not filing returns or answering IRS letters can range up to an IRS lien against property or, in worst cases, criminal charges.

The IRS has information on the rights taxpayers have when dealing with the IRS and the collection process, how it affects them, and where to go for help if a problem can't get resolved. Details on these topics are covered in Publication 1, *Your Rights As a Taxpayer* (Publication 1SP, *Derechos del Contribuyente*, in Spanish), and Publication 594, *Understanding the Collection Process* (Publication 594SP, *Comprendiendo el Proceso de Cobro*). Call 1-800-829-3676 for copies.

Tax Relief Can Soften Disaster

Losing personal or business property due to a fire, flood, hurricane, theft or other similar event is devastating, but some losses can be recovered through federal income tax breaks.

People who suffer a casualty loss or theft may be able to deduct the loss when they itemize deductions on their tax returns. If the loss happens in an area declared a disaster area by the president, people can

choose to deduct the loss when they file their tax return for the year of the loss, or amend their return for the year before the loss, whichever provides the best tax result.

Details can be found in Publications 547, *Casualties, Disasters and Theft*; *Business and Personal Losses*; and 1600SP, *Understanding the Collection Process* (Publication 1600SP, *Comprendiendo el Proceso de Cobro*). Call 1-800-829-3676 for copies.

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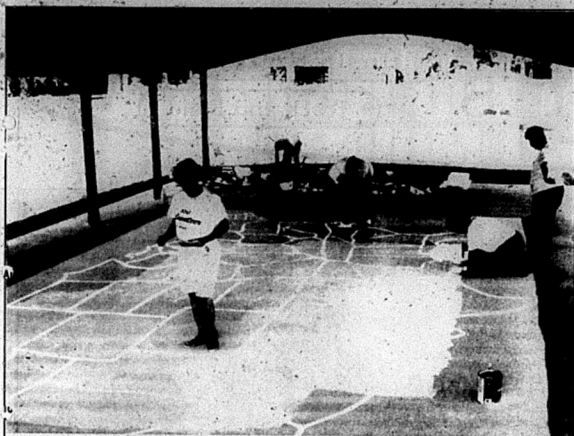
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Painting their way across the nation...Volunteers helped to paint the new map at K.E.C./Canal Point Elementary School.

Canal Point Elementary students can now travel across the United States in a matter of seconds

Students from Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary School in Canal Point can now travel across the United States in a matter of seconds thanks to the efforts of the AT&T Pioneers.

A giant multi colored map of the country was recently

pointed on their play ground as a part of the national Pioneer "Playground MAPS" project.

The young students learn geography by playing educational games. The AT&T Pioneers donate their time and Martin Senour Paint

Company donated the paint for this worthwhile project. Other local elementary schools who have benefited from this program are Gladeview, Rosenwald, Pioneer Park, and Gove. For more information contact Gloria Williams at 924-6460.

Advanced Women's Healthcare invites community to lecture on weight management

Advanced Women's Healthcare will be offering a community lecture on the latest advances in weight management on Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Columbia Palms West Hospital cafeteria.

The lecture is free to the public and features Kimberly Payne, an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner with Advanced Women's Healthcare. Ms. Payne has 14 years experi-

ence in the field of nutrition.

The lecture will focus on endermologie and Phentermine and Fenfluramine (Phen-Fen/Redux). Endermologie is a unique method of body contouring that will reduce the appearance of dimpling and the texture created by cellulite.

Phen-Fen/Redux are two prescribed appetite suppressant medications that can assist people in losing weight and main-

taining weight loss. Phen-Fen/Redux is a safe and effective adjunct to weight loss therapy that helps make losing weight safe and easy.

Please join us on Saturday for this informative lecture on weight management. Light refreshments will be served. To make a reservation or for more information, please call (561) 683-1831.

Simmons earns Associate degree at North Florida Community College

Aquilla D. Simmons, granddaughter of Mrs. Sam Henderson and daughter in law of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Simmons of Belle Glade, graduated from North Florida Community College at the completion of the Fall term. Simmons graduated Summa Cum Laude. To qualify for Summa Cum Laude, the graduate must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

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Looking on with pride and enthusiasm...Coaches, staff, and students at Glades Central watch Otis Duhart and Bruce Hightower sign their letters of intent.

Glades Central's athletic director to be inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame

Jay Seider, Glades Central's athletic director will be inducted into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame on March 9 at the 21st annual awards banquet.

While over two dozen nominees were submitted, only eight will receive this prestigious awards this year.

Jay Seider has coached at Glades Central Community

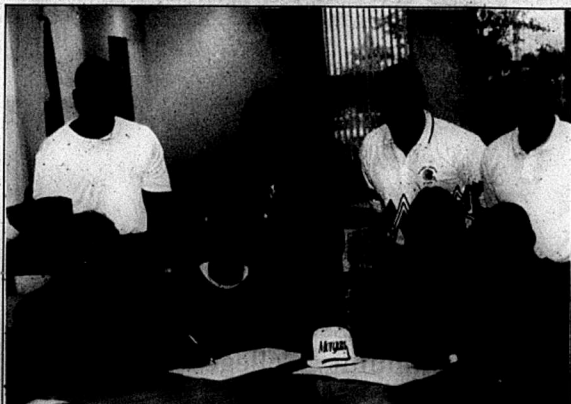
High School for 25 years and is currently the athletic director. Under Seider's direction, his teams have won 7 state girls track championships and 5 state heptathlon championships.

Seider also coached football, losing in state semi-finals one year, as well as basketball and cross country.

He has received the state

coach of the year 7 times, regional coach of the year twice, county coach of the year 7 times, conference coach of the year 12 times, national coach of the year semifinalist twice, and Coach of the Year for both the Palm Beach County Hall of Fame and Channel 12.

Seider also serves on numerous district and state track committees.



Everyone is proud of these guys...Mr. Gibbons, Principal Effie Grear, Coach Watson, and Coach Antonacci congratulate Daniel Brown and his mother as well as Michael Alford and his mother.

The Glades Track Club returns victorious

Saturday, February 10, 1997, the Glades Track Club ran in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) 5K Run at Spanish River Park, Boca Raton.

home the first place trophy for the 11-14 year old age group. Soila Konchellah, 9, won the third place trophy for the 10 and under age group. Geeneka Morris, 9, finished fourth in the 10 and

under age group. Perkins ran a time of 21:02, Konchellah ran a time of 26:46, and Morris ran a time of 26:47. The girls are coached by Mike White and Dave Brannan.



Running like the wind blows...Geeneka Morris, Anita Perkins, and Soila Konchellah of the Glades Track Club know the meaning of moving fast.



What an enthusiastic crowd...The crowd at the Glades Central vs. Pahokee boys' basketball game was full capacity and full of encouragement for their favorite team.

Photo by Adrian "Big A" Vereen

Fishing with Walt Reynolds

You would think it was April rather than February if you have been outside this past week. I can't remember when we had more beautiful weather here in February. Besides the great weather, the fishing has been real good!

The bass fishing is very typical of February, in that the fish are on the beds in most of the lake. The bucks are guarding the beds and are quite active. This accounts for the great top water bite that we have been experiencing lately. Baits such as the Storm Chug Bug and Rouge or the Zoom Super Fluke are all good producing lures.

To catch the bigger females you still need to locate the staging areas on the outside edges of the

grass lines where they are holding before they move to the beds. Remember that you may be fishing for five or six bites per day, but they



Walt Reynolds

will be much larger fish than the bucks that you will find on the beds. If you have the patience to

fish for the pre-spawn or post-spawn fish, this is the best time of the year to catch a true trophy. This is when you find out the real sport of bass fishing and except the challenge to fish for trophy size fish instead of just catching numbers.

The crappie fishermen are still not having the best of luck. Although there are some nice catches being reported, most folks are working hard to catch a good mess for supper. There are still two areas that are producing best. That would be the spoil islands near Bird Island and the mouth of Uncle Joe's Cut.

To all a good bite, Walt Reynolds Touring Pro.



He's all business...when it comes to basketball that is! Derrick Summerall takes this shot seriously.

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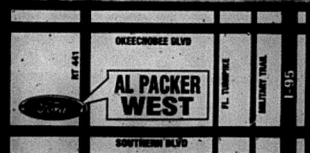


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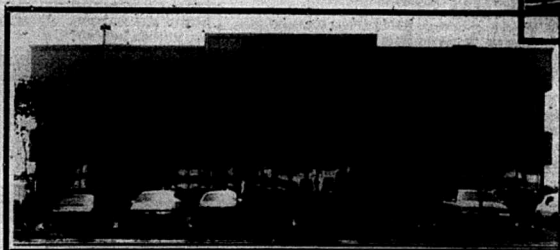
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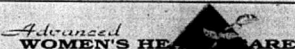
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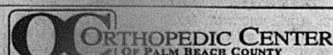


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Dr. Schefer is with the physician group Orthopedic Center of Palm Beach County and specializes in Hand & Microvascular Surgery and Upper Extremity Surgery. He is board eligible by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons and is fellowship trained in Hand & Microvascular Surgery. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Schefer at the group's Belle Glade Office, call (561) 967-6500 or 1-800-633-5783. The Orthopedic Center of Palm Beach County features 16 specialists dedicated to providing excellence in orthopedic care for over 38 years.

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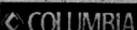
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